



PRESS RELEASE

Baltimore Social Worker Ordered to Pay \$39,000 for Fraudulent Claims

BALTIMORE, MD (December 11, 2018) - Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that Baltimore City Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey Michael Geller sentenced Joshua Stevie Lee, 51, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker to probation before judgement and five years' probation for fraudulently billing the Maryland Medicaid program for mental health services. Lee is required to pay \$39,000 restitution to the Medicaid program. As a special condition of probation, Lee may not provide services as a health care provider under a federal or state health plan for five years.

According to information presented in court, Lee provided mental health services to clients at Christopher Place Employment Academy, an employment center for homeless men located in Baltimore. From 2013 to 2016, while working at Christopher Place, Lee billed for and received more than \$39,000 from the Maryland Medicaid program for mental health services he did not actually provide.

Attorney General Frosh thanked Assistant Attorney General Catherine Schuster Pascale, Investigator Mark Holback, and Paralegal Harouna Boncana for their work on this case. Attorney General Frosh also thanked the Maryland Department of Health's Office of Inspector General for its assistance.